PINEY PERCH

Jan. 12th

510 KING STREET
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

My dear Mr Page,

We are looking forward with much pleasure to your being with us on Feb. 29th especially as Mr Sherwood Eddy assures us that you are still an "absolute pacifist".

Mr Eddy spoke recently to the University here and

I was surprised and pained to note that he had changed his position since collaborating with you on "What Shall we do about War?"

Please let me know what the subject of your talk is, and, as our group are Christian peace makers, go as far as you like in denouncing the war racket.

With best wishes for the new year.

Sincerely, Anne G. Perry

Thompson Tex
Jan 11, 1940.

Dear Shirley

I sure was surprised when I received the few lines from you last week it sure has been a long time since I have seen your name on a letter. well I would hardly call it a letter but any way I was really glad to hear from you. and am glad that you are feeling so much better and that you are all getting along so well. I think it

every thing will be so nice for all and especially the trip that you all will take, I really think that is what Alma needs more than any thing is to get out some herself. I believe that will do her more good than all the medicine. we have had a little sickness in our family John & John both have been going to the dr but the baby and myself I guess are all right. she had a great time xmas. I hope that Alma will be writing soon and that you are all enjoying the best of health. remember me to your mother. Lovingly

Mother Newman.

Jan. 23, 1940

Dear Mom,

I am glad to hear that you will be able to get a little rest now, or will you??? When you get around to it, we'd like his schedule, just in case we feel a strong urge to write to him. As per usual when Dad is home, I see things begin to happen. That was quite a blow to Walt about getting rid of the rabbits. They kinda made up for all the steaks we didn't feed him, but with chicken still around, I guess he'll live through it all. The place will certainly look a lot better, and I guess that will take quite a load off Perry, which all makes us look on the brighter side of the question.

Here are some pictures Johnnie sent me of Mary Jo. I sent them some enlargements for Xmas of those I took of her this summer. They weren't so bad, except that she was crying. But some of them are kinda cute. It was kind of an achievement tho, getting a letter out of Johnnie.

How do you think you are going to be able to stand the trip? OK? I just hope it isn't too much running around for you. I don't guess that you will get anywhere around here will you? You won't get home till the middle of July will you. And we get through here by the 1st of June, earlier than last year. We're beginning to line up passengers for the trip already. By the way, if you want the car to look like anything when you get back, you'd do well to give it another of those good polish jobs. It would be worth it and more. Soooooo.

By the way, thanks for the L.A. Times Rose Parade number. It was swell to see it. And I guess it was Dad who sent us The Nazarene. Its very good. I haven't finished it yet, but I'll get there some day. Gosh, talk about being busy, I'm a bit of that myself, but nothing compared to Walt. It's getting so he doesn't even have more that 15 minutes to bolt down his food, which isn't so good on the digestion either. About the only time we take off, is to go skating, and that just means we have to rush that much harder the rest of the time. But we sure have fun ice skating. You should see us. We're improving rapidly. ITS SURE FUN.

By the way have you gotten the stuff from Sunnyside, or any word of it yet??? I guess I'd better write her.

Love Mum

1-26-40

KIRBY PAGE
POST OFFICE BOX 247
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

Darling:

Am slowly trying to get myself back into condition again. When we finish the singles tonight it ought to be easier.

If money continues to come in from all sources as it has we will not need Sid's check right away. However have sent Barbara a line.

After Mondays exams. K & Iris will be home for two weeks. About to sell all of rabbits. Deaton will probably use part of these hutches until he can do better. The Konan gave us a big bag of extra Delicious apples for some lima beans. We still have a big dish of frozen limas and believe it or not they are blossoming again. Kay has begun work on stone house. Also he is studying for exam tomorrow.

Here is a check of a bunch of mail.

allus yours,

Alma.

1/27/41

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Dear Folks:

Hope everything going O.K. with you. Doing fine here.

We are sending the R.R. to the places that you have checked that is Fort worth on.

We have 143 orders in now how we doing.

Beautiful day here. Did a big washing.

Had dinner with Grandma yesterday.

Alma Mrs. Rose is very ill don't think she will live. Don't

Know what is wrong. I just talked to her son-in law Sunday. We had a new couple in our class Sunday a girl I knew in school.

Love

Marie.

HOTEL **Chittenden**

"FIREPROOF"
COLUMBUS, OHIO

Jan. 29

Darling:

Here is a heap big idea!!
One that will rejoice
your heart.

Be sure to talk it
over with mother and
everybody on the hilltop.
Kay and Fris will be
interested.

Feeling grand!

Lovingly

Kirby

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YALE UNIVERSITY
NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

Jan. 30, 1940

Dear Dee Pages –

Say thanks for the letter, and even more so for the present. It got here today. Its certainly swell, and it matches nicely. And I rather suspect it will serve a double purpose, coming in for some one as a cake tin as well as food warmer. I've been turning a pan upside down over my cake up till now to keep them from drying out. Rather

inaesthetic if nothing else. Also when I don't have to wait on him or so for water I do for Anna, so maybe they can have warm suppers after all.

Sorry to hear the books tie you down so, but the rabbits are a load off I bet. In your spare time how about building that swimming pool, Perry? When the 'Pot O' Gold' rings your telephone you can have a vacation. So cheer up.

Incidentally, that

What a swell present! you dopes — What's the idea? Thank loads anyway, ER

YALE UNIVERSITY
NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

2.

Gainesville, Fla. Stationery you used in your last letter — I showed it to Marian, and she said that the Hotel is about 2 blocks away from her house. Made her homesick.

We continue to dash off ice skating every time we get the ghost of a chance. We went this afternoon. Gosh it was swell. Only about 10 guys out instead of the usual 5000 or so. And the ice had just been

scraped smooth. I learned
more today. I can do
a fair figure 8 now - besides
a couple variations and
jumps. We have had fun.
We're going again Sunday
night I guess. There's
been hardly any snow here,
but nice and cold for
skating. This afternoon
was swell because there was
no wind.

My counting is definitely
on the down grade, you'll
agree - sorry. Can hardly
read it myself any more.
Write again - My love
to Gramma & Margaret. Love -
Mary
& Walt.

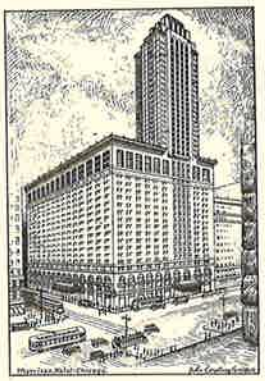
2-2-40

Darling:

The check came in time. would have had about enough but no more and we do need more. forgot to pay bank loan last month. 2 this mo. Wish you were here to get groghaded over it all. However the cat added her nuisance last night and you should have seen me batting a paper against the door. it was rainy & wet. yours in haste & running to bank.

always Alma

LEONARD HICKS, MANAGING DIRECTOR



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Feb. 2 CHICAGO

Darling:

Glad to get good news. Hope money continues to come along.

Eager to see maroon hat and dress. Glad you found them.

Invitations for the spring tour are pouring in and our schedule will be nearly filled.

Eager to hear your comment on the plan to teach

six weeks' course.

All goes well.

'Nary a cold as yet!!

More soon

Devotedly Your

Kirby

Sunday. Feb 5

Kirby Dear, you know I have nothing worth writing about - I expect Alma told that they took me on a long drive one Sunday - toward the ocean - looking for a good rooster. well she found one - & gave $50 for him - he is fine - put him with eight of the darkest hens - first day the sun shines Roy & Perry plan to build a little house for them also Perry gave two dollars for setting of eggs & they have been under a hen ten days money spent for me all the time - got forty dozen eggs in Jan, twenty four one day is most sold eleven dozen at home have been quilting on Marie's quilt the last two weeks - finished it last night. has rained a lot. twice the drain was a raging torrent - no rain today but cloudy the chicken pens are a muddy mess lost none I have kept up fine. love from Mother

2-7-40

Darling:

Last week was rainy and bad and Deaton could not get rabbit hutches and Kay could not tear things down or move part of the cages for deaton. Finally got some moved Friday and Monday Deaton found more and moved the rabbits. Perry feels like a prisoner reprieved. He got some things fixed by Sunday night. has now built grandma's chicken house and pen. Will begin to save eggs for setting now. Sun came out Sunday for first time, and boy do we need it.

About your fall meetings in S.C. better not have too many courses, too many days, or too far from home. They sound good, but if you could group them here or near home they would be swell. The youngsters would enjoy them also.

Oh yes! nearly forgot, just a piece in the newspaper attacking the pacifists. You will have to bear down hard on the fact that it takes more courage and is more dangerous to follow Jesus' way than to follow the mob. You must give people something to give back to the army attack that pacifists are yellow. Also bear down (& point out) that the way of Jesus was followed successfully and made great headway before Constantine captured control and re-organized on lines of oriental splendor. Heaps love, Yours always Alma

Feb. 8. 1941

Dear D. parents.

Well. how goes it? Hope everything O.K. Anxious to see you - as I bet you are to see Judy again. She sure a little darling. Setting so she can almost sit up and turn over. Finally slept on her tummy today for first time. Put her there after nursing - and then forgot & went down to cellar - so ~~probably~~ didn't hear her cry as she no doubt did.

Speaking of the cellar -

did we have fun last night. We were informed to keep everything off floor because it gets flooded in heavy rains. well it sure did. wouldn't have been so bad. but it gushed up thru the floor at bottom of the suffering frost. what a mess. one box of excelsior was on floor — & bottom of course fell out! most everything else up. they have drains — but it was high tide & when tried to open it. it stacked seaweed in them — so

we walked till low tide today to let it drain out. OK now - the damp.

Dad — Dean Wright wants you to talk to the boys Mon. evening here. It's their regular Monday Conference hour — Series on 'World Order' - so he would like you to talk on Basis for just & durable peace or stuff like that that's. Can you do that & still make Charlottesville, Va next day? (Who so - if not let us know pronto - cause told him you'd talk. Who's OK

they could sure use a good dose of you around here.
Any hope on the Goth yet? Sure anxious to see it. But you're in jeans & hoodies.

Except for the continual rush we're OK. Wait till you gets a chance to stop. But I guess you wouldn't know what that means!

Well, take care, be seeing you soon —

Yea! Me too — Over love —
Mary —

Ma: take it easy driving up here.
Pa: Afraid we finally blow your a schedule here! — See you wait

Feb. 9th

Dear Pappy,

Glad to hear that you're still going strong, not that I expected to hear otherwise. I gather that Mother is stying to store up for the trip next spring, ought to be good for her to get away if it doesn't tire her too much. Kinda wish it weren't such a long hard one for her, but i guess she'll weather it O.K. (Hope the car does too-)

We got Brunner today, and wow, its $7.50!! I knew it was a lot, but didn't know it was quite that much. Thanks for your offer of a book a month--this ought to take care of several months. But I think Walt is going to get cheap(90¢) editions of Francis of Assisi's Little Flowers, and George Fox's Journal, and Woolman's Journal, to help on the paper he's writing for Neibuhr. He's comparing Quaker ethics and that of St. Francis. Lot's of reading to be done, but its good reading.

By the way, thanks for sending us "The Nazarene" I've gotten about two-thirds of it finished, and its certainly good. Definitely Jewish viewpoint of course, but it certainly gives an excellent vivid picture, makes it live even more, especially Jerusalem and the country Jesus traveled through. I'll bring it home this summer of course, when I'm sure you'll have plenty of time to read it. Also thanks for the Hazen book. Coincidence, Walt had just bought it that same day, but we sold it to Ann.

We had swell skating weather for quite a while, but its turned warm for a while now. You should see us, we're wonderful, well, not bad, anyhow.

We're going to Mr. Morris's house for dinner tomorrow night, some fun. All the married students working in the library. I'll have more work spring vacation, on reserve books, and I hope I'll get a registration job for Convocation, which would mean about $10. which we could use.

Take yourself - Will - Mary -

2/10/40.

Dear "Pappy":

You call "Bearcat"! As if I didn't have enough to read in the way of books! But muchas gracias for the book idea.

Get a kick out of striking up discussions about your point of view + judgments with folks + then have them discover - the relationship! - gives a good in-road, though!

We may drop down to N.Y. tomorrow to the Pacifist Conference with Thomas, Holmes, + Muste at the Labor Temple. If we can get a carfull + the weather's ok, think we will.

Plan to write on Prayer for Macintosh's 2 term paper - should give some strategic reading, eh?

Remember you in prayer + thoughts constantly — Ever,

Coach.

2-10-40

KIRBY PAGE
POST OFFICE BOX 247
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

Darling:

There are a heck of a lot of bills on hand yet. need more money to pay Western Pty. Have not had any check from Margaret Campbell yet. Is she going to send 3 just before Mch 1? Where is the rest of the money coming from. Not feeling so hot these days Have to force myself to do almost everything I do.

Rabbits all gone. Things getting into shape around there. Vacation almost over for kids.

Heaps love,
yours always
Alma.

LAKE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH
ROCHESTER, NEW YORK

OFFICE OF THE PASTOR
WHITNEY S. K. YEAPLE

February 12

Dear Kirby:

It was mean to see you and I'm sorry that we were so crowded and that I felt so rotten. It would have be fun to have had a good chat with you. The affair last night was certainly a real success. Thanks for coming and come again

Sincerely
Whit

2-12-40

Darling:

Guess it will get cold now as I planted some seed Saturday. Grandma is rearing to get things planted. We sure could have had a fall garden this year. We still have fresh lima beans. The last. But vines are putting on new growth and ready to begin blossoming again. Grandma is saving her own eggs to set now. All she needs now is a hen to set. She finished Marie's quilt and has started on one for Iris.

It is a good bit colder today, in fact we have a fire in the fireplace.

Kay & Iris go back to school tomorrow, and it will be awfully lonesome for me and chatoump here.

Is there any way of comparing modern business men (& others) to Judas Iscariot? He wanted to make Jesus conform to his own ideas, but didn't really intend to get him crucified.

Send the book lists to Mary.

Hoping and hoping long

~~then come~~.

Yours ever

alma.

2-15-40

Darling:

All's well on the Potomac so far, except that there doesn't seem to be much money coming in. Marie has sent out the cards to the December purchasers. Hope some will come in from them. However more will have to come in from other sources, and right smart soon at that. Cooler here today, but flowering cherry in bloom and Saucer peaches. Other things budding out. If we do not have a real cold spell things should be early. Perry is working at Grandma's today. Had rain yesterday, but sun today. More rain later in week. gophers working as per usual.

Heaps and heaps love

yours always

Alma.

YALE UNIVERSITY
NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

Feb. 16, 1940

Dear Mom,

If you're patient, I think you may get that stuff from Sunnyside eventually, After several tries on both sides, I guess Walter is going to ship the stuff by boat, applying the $5.00 on that and sending you a bill for the rest, since it has to be prepaid. I don't know how much the hauling is going to be, but the rates are $3.21 per 100lbs by boat, and $5.68 by freight. He thinks it weighs about 200 lbs crated. And it might help for all his trouble, he crated it, if you sent them the money as soon as they tell you how much it is.

I saw Roland Elliott Monday. He was up here for Shedd's class. Busy as a bee with everybody seeing him about jobs, but we managed to get together for a few minutes. Jack is a Junior at Oberlin, and Gene is at Guilford. They still live at Sunnyside. Maybe we mught go see Florence if we go down Easter vacation. Boy does time fly. Second term is about over already.

Last Sunday we went down to N.Y.C. for the day. We got there in time for Riverside, (just did). Saw Betty for a few minutes, she looks better than last year. Ann Guthrie is with her when in town. Gene seems to be doing well in Brooklyn at his church. And Betty spoke as if she knew the young kids there pretty well. She invited us down vacation. We want to go to the Opera, so maybe we can get there.

Got an announcement from the Harris' in Pomona about the new baby. That's nice for them. Bet its cute. Their other one is so cute.

Say, old lady, are you resting so much that you can't even work a typewriter to write to us.??? Gonna get pretty mad pretty soon!!

Love,

Your Grats.

P.S.!

Thanx lots for the license plates - But guess what? - While in N.Y. last Sunday, parking - someone must have hit the rear of "Nellie" - anyway - discovered that the tail light and rear license plate were missing when we got the car Monday morning.

I've sent to Registration Office in Sacramento - for the dope.

The Pacifist Conference at Labor ~~Table~~ Temple with Harold Fey, A. J. Muste, Paul Harris & Norman Thomas was - good stuff!

Thomas' emphasis on our part in negotiating for a peace now - was great.

Some snow here. Now more skating weather.

Ever, Lowell

Tuesday, Feb. 20.

Dear Pappy -

Kay and I are lazy tonite. This is about the first meal I've cooked in our new home that I haven't burnt anything, so we celebrated and ate too much. But it was fun! I even sort of hope it happens again.

Mather wrote me that Gareth and George were planning to see you. So I wasn't surprised but I was pleased. I like him too. I'm awfully sorry about him and Ady, but not surprised at that either. It's probably not altogether Ady's Mather's fault, either. Gareth is awfully hard to

and everything else I could think of. Next weekend I think we'll splurge and invest in a dishpan, maybe, if we can find one to suit us.

Kay and I have both begun our reading. I'm going slow on mine, because every word seems so important in this book - "The Price of Leadership."

If I can get a B average this semester I can take 17 hours next semester and graduate at Midterm, so I'm going to pitch in. Kay's helping me with my Spanish, and the rest just require study, I guess. I have so many study hours that I'm going to try to line up some volunteer

line with, he's so irresponsible - at least he was. Even if you love a person that can be quite a big thing unless you can laugh it off. But it's too bad for Gareth. If he had only married someone who could pull him out of his laxity, I think he had real creative talent, and his natural sympathies would have given him a real place in society. In fact there's a girl at home, an old friend of his and the family, that I think could have done just that for him. But it may not be too late yet.

We got the auto camp we wanted. I spent last weekend making curtains and tablecloths

work at the Religious Conference Building for variety. Otherwise I have 6 hours of study on 2 days and 4 on others. We're staying till 5:00 p.m.

Grandma is making us a gorgeous quilt - prettier than Mary's or Marie's if you ask us! By the way, there might to be gryers by March 20th!

Alma has been feeling pretty bad. She's really looking forward to this trip. The sooner the better for her.

Thursday is our wedding anniversary - we're dining out at Luca's with Art and Da Vata. We tried to get tickets to Marion Anderson, but $3.30 was too much per capita so we're taking in a show instead -

Love, Iris

2-23-40

Darling:

Hope you have already written giving instructions as to what to send to Florida and when. Takes at least a week to get things there.

Money coming in, but will need a great deal more before the second, say about $400. then more on 5th on loan on place. Helen hasn't sent in her's yet.

Youngsters had a holiday yesterday, celebrated 18 months of married life went out with ~~Dick~~ Dorota & Art.

Did you see editorial in Fortune, condensed in latest Reader Digest, on the failure of the church? Asserting that the church was not furnishing leadership, but was being led by the laity. Ministers were not leading the people but were led by what members thought.

Hope and hope love

yours always

Alma

Mon - 24 of Feb -

Alma Dear - your letter came late to-day - Perry & Marie have been here three times - & its been raining nearly all day - another batch of baby's came - & they have made four trips taking - & bringing - came by first to take eggs to the store - do not sell as many as have its too muddy, the hens are doing fairly well - but had hard to keep them up a bit - the yards are so deep in mud - one hen setting I have finished Mary's quilt - & now working on one for Margaret little stars - set together with rose pink I have kept up fire - has rained almost every day since the 4th - the drain came over into the yard several times but no real damage - got one row of

onion sets out - they are coming up
& mato seed up too - eight kinds
& put some okra seed in a box
of dirt to be sprouting - hope the
rain stops - weather man said it
would clear off tomorrow -
be some time before I can work in
the garden - some of the chard stems
are four inches across -

I do not write because Perry
can tell you, & Kirby fare all right
I'm sure Judith is a sweet little
thing - Mrs Crish still gets eggs.
& the girl always asks about her
Mary & Walt too - Mrs C - been sick
most of the time - love to every one

Mother

Thompson Ill
Feb 25, 1940.

Dear Alma

We are still having bad weather out here. We hardly have a chance to get out any only to go to town but not there very often Johnnie & John wanted to go to League Lenty-tomorrow but it started raining this evening. I did not want them to take the baby out if it was cold and damp as she has been getting along so well all the winter. I thought I would get through the winter without a cold but it got me about two weeks ago but I am getting along fine now.

I take my nap every evening
if I stay here too long I will be
too lazy to have me get up from seven
to nine in the morning and May Jo
and I take our nap every evening.
I guess when one get so one can
get out side one will not sleep so
much. I just wonder what you are
doing there days are you all having
good or bad weather, and how
is Kirby getting along on his trip
I am afraid he is getting into
some of the bad weather that we
read about in the papers, they sure
are having some bad weather

at Lubbock where Beulah lives. I wish you could have seen it - out here when everything was covered with snow. John & Johnnie are getting along better now Johnnie will have to go to the dr about every other week. she says she feels some better, she still has those headaches, how is Sis & K. getting along, hope all right - guess they will come out here this summer hope you will too. you haven't many more days before you start on your trip with Ruby and hope nothing happens to keep you from going lots of love to you all. Lovingly Mother.

Thompson Ky
Feb 25, 1940.

Dear Alma

I recieved your letter today, sorry that you are feeling so bad, if you need me like you said you can write or write and I will come but, I will not stay there after you go on your trip but will come and help you all I can, if you are feeling so bad why not come down here and stay with us, and not go so soon with Kirby and meet him some where when you get to feeling better, if you rather I will come out there and stay with you I will have to have time to get my pass, as the one I have has expired

the first of the year and I had been talking about getting it renewed, so I will get busy any way. I have been feeling pretty good lately but had a touch of the flue. Wilfred and Iris are here today and I am writing this to send to Houston to get off soon as I can. Let me hear from you soon Lovingly

Mother.

Sunday - 2/25/40.

Hi - Feller!

I'll bet it hurts your feelings to have to travel south about this time! Did you get caught in the big storm?

Work piling up some at the end of this term; but still have it under control. Plan to do a paper for Niebuhr on "Monastic ethics" - looking into the Franciscans, particularly. Have considered doing MacIntosh's paper on Prayer, but for his understanding, that's the whole realm of religion. May take some type of prayer. What would you suggest?

"Rhinie" Niebuhr was terrific this morning in Battell - positive note of God - as only final judgment + security. Hit a good crack at the dangers of nationalism as the "god" of our society..

Everything right on top — Ever,
Walt.

2-27-40

Darling:

Am sending under separate cover the insurance policy & letter. Helen came across OK and saves the day.

Not selling so much pamphlets now by mail. Not so awful much to do now.

Except —

I am on a diet now and takes all my time to take care of me. Fruit juice 2 glasses at 6-8-10 AM. Vegetable broth at 12-2-4-6-8 - two glasses full. Then enemas. Hope to have more in a week or two. but feel cleaner already - Have to go very slowly indeed so as not to overdo. Therefore, if you don't get many letters, just remember I don't have much pep yet. I was getting so bad anyway, that I figured I might as well try. Am going to Dr. Burnside. He says all my glands are below par and there has been lots and lots of poison loose in my system. If it does me any good it will be well worth it.

Had more rain and more dew. Not too much yet. Hope it doesn't get cold.

Heaps & Heaps love

yours always

Alma.

MARGARET C. McCULLOCH
144 CHANCELLOR STREET
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA

February 26, 1941

My dear Kirby Page,

May we as members of the Charlottesville FOR group express our appreciation to you for all the help you gave us in your visit here, both in the informal conference with the group on worship, and in the larger meeting. You brought us added strength, new friends, and other persons unconvinced but more open minded & more respectful towards pacifism than before.

We are all happy to have had you and wish you equal success on the rest of your trip.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret-Ann Cullen

Secy. Charlottesville, FOR.

2-29-40

Darling:

Coming along O.K. Hope this finds me in good condition. Seems to be all right so far. Head a bit clearer but so weak just now.

Have some plants out and clearing things up now. Spring seems to be here. My hyacinths are beginning to bloom.

Hope & hope love

yours ever

Alma

Thompson Tex.
March 4, 1940.

Dear Alma

I received your letter and was glad that you are feeling better, as I was dreading to come out there now, as I am afraid I could not stand the cold. I am not use to the cold like you all are. but I will come to see you when you come back from your trip and stay with you some. it was cold to me in the summer when we went out there and I know, I would feel it now, I sure hope you will continue to

improve and that you have found the right treatment for you. Johnnie is going to the dr yet but she has to go only once every two weeks now. Wilfred is taking shots for Hydrophobia. they had a little dog and it went mad. Wilfred fed it for a few days thinking it was sick. then they had it killed and examined and it was mad the dr thought the two kids would have to take the shots but they did not have any sore place and wilfreds hands did have two or three places on them so the dr said he had better not run the risk of of having Hydrophobia he has to take the shots 14 days.

have not heard from him this week. I hope you will let me hear from you, often as you can and hope you will not feel bad about me not coming I would have had such a short time to stay. for you know I would not stay there without you there

lots of love,

Mother.

YALE UNIVERSITY
NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

Wed. March 6

Dear Pafsfy.

Yale has gone south too. Dr. Shedd may have been at Gainesville on the 8th too. And Tracy Redding went down for a months vacation.

You should have been here Monday. It rained and froze - and the poor trees were so loaded down with ice that most of them snapped off at the top - and branches off and wires down - and no lights. etc. What the

hurricane didn't do to the trees this did. Sts too bad. But it was really beautiful. All silvery everywhere. Back to normal now.

Gwen is sick abed - infected kidney. That streptococcus germ again. Since Sunday, and likely to have to stay in bed for another week or so - with vacation recuperating. Sts too bad it had to come down now. Exams start tomorrow - and then vacation. She misses exams. But I guess it could be worse at that.

YALE UNIVERSITY
NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

Wed. March 6,1940

Dear Mammy:

Well spring will begin to arrive here pretty soon, or at least the spring clothes, so would you be so kind as to dig out my light blue bonnet, shoes and pocketbook and send them along to me???? Maybe in time for Easter?????

Ann has come down with an infected kidney, that darn little strep-germ again. So she has to stay in bed absolutely all the time. And she hates that. It also means that someone has to be here all the time in case she wants anything, which is rather confining but not so bad. Her fever was 104 Sunday. Its down now, but usually goes up a little in the afternoon and early morning. Its too bad, right at exam time too, she misses a week of classes, and two exams. And probably all of vacation recuperating. But shes been going on just nerve too darn long, we knew she'd be down some time, just a question of when. Its going to take her a long time to get well. She anemic too I think.

Walt's first exam is tomorrow, then one Tuesday. and then vacation. But he's working at the Y during vacation, and I'll be working up at school on reserve books some. We're trying to get to NewYork for one day at least, to see an opera or somethings. We also wanted to go to Boston, but don't know whether we can or not. We have to but another tire this week too, but I've been saving the last of my Xmas vacation earnings for that. Next month is the last that Walt gets the pay check for two jobs, one ends in March, so that cuts us down too.

Tell me, how are the pamphlets going, or coming? Did you have another printing? If so how large? And all that, doesn't anybody know how to write anymore???

Love - Mary -

Hi-Ho!

What a storm we had! Rain + freeze. Trees all covered with inches of ice. What a "wonderland" - but a little hard on the trees - many of them broke - off.

How are the kids at UCLA?

Gotta study!

Bye,
Walt

March 16, '40.

Dear Folks;

This is going to be a big surprise to you, so get a chair so you won't faint. You see, you are about to become Proud(?) grandparents. No less, and before the year is over. October 16th is the fateful date. Kinda surprised? I might as well admit that we were too. But anyway, it seems to be the case. I've been to see the Doctor twice, yesterday for the second time. And he seems to think that that is the case. They have all kinds of clinics at the New Haven Hospital, among them the woman's clinic. I had no difficulty establishing the fact that I was eligible for clinic, so I paid my quarter and up I went, to wait a couple of hours. It does involve some waiting, but I guess my time is that cheap. I got the best Doctor, the resident in that department I think, anyway good. Ollie Wickenden, wife of another student, was in nursing school, but had to drop out after marriage and besides she's two months ahead of me on the baby angle, so she's been all kinds of help. She told me about the clinic. They give you a thorough exam, and even take x-rays for the first baby, as a matter of course, and all free. I just pay 25¢ every time I go. Wouldn't have to pay that if I couldn't. Dr. Crampton lives on the grounds of the Berkeley Divinity School, so he does all the Divinity student cases. He seems to think it will be perfectly all right for me to travel west by auto in June, if we take it easy and don't get tired. If I did happen to stay here for it, it would only cost me $50. But I want to come home. I guess Emmett would deliver it, though he doesn't know it yet. We of course, haven't told anyone yet, outside of Ollie and Wick. She'd been wishing we would have one, she said. Kinda keep her company. Her's is due about the first of August.

Well, this of course raises all sorts of questions as to future plans. Outside of delivery, the baby won't cost so much till after 9 months old, but what about us???? I want Walt to finish up here, if its at all possible. Besides he has kind of an obligation to Tracy on his job. Tracy will have to break in two new men as it is next year. What of course, would be best, I guess, is for Walt to come back in Sept. and possibly I could come about Christmas vacation. I don't know. We haven't figured it out yet. But I certainly want it decided before we leave here in June. I haven't the slightest idea what we'd do with all our junk. I wouldn't want to ship it to Calif. for Walt's job the next year might be on the east coast, or at least closer to here. And boy do we have the junk. Seems like about three times as much as we shipped back last fall. Another possibility is that Walt could finish at Pacific School of Religion, with a job at Oakland, which he might be able to get, but I think here would be better. Well, it will all work out in time.

I'm getting kinda excited about it all, as might be expected. We have even been fighting over names already. Well, have you gotten over the shock yet?? What do you think? When you recover, you might let us know. Coming back to you Mother, have you been able to eat any more yet? Gosh I hope so, but I hope also that the diet helped. Who might I ask,is Dr. Burnside? While you've been losing, I've been gaining,

so maybe you'll get my clothes yet, but I haven't much in the way of summer stuff, mostly winter woolens. I weighed 133 yesterday. Tsk, and I look it. Hope I get home before I outgrow everything! Is there any possibility of your coming by New Haven on your trip? Or was that just a joke? You ought to, you know how beautiful New England is in spring.

I'm drinking a quart of milk a day, plus grapefruit juice, Calif. oranges, the florida ones stink.; less starches, darm ! more fruit and vegetables, and generally behaving myself. But I eat more than three times a day, I sure get hungry. I'm going to Mother's classes that the Visiting Nurses Association holds, 10¢ apiece, and will learn lots that way, but I'm sure open for advice from you and Marie. Walt still looks bewildered. Don't blame him. But its time he settled down, all this galavanting around he does. I never see him anymore. Of course, its all in the cause of finances. And now more to look after. Well, we might even be in a better position now, than on our first job. Besides hes a quarter of a century old, and wants to grow up with his brats. I bet they're roly-poly. Anyhow they ought to be healthy. The Doc said I was in good condition and perfectly normal. Walt calls me a good rationalizer, but I'm really getting excited. My, my, just think, me a mother ! He says maybe that will make me grow up. The brat!!

I won't start making any baby clothes till I get home, plenty of time and better facilities then. Can help Ollie on hers tho. They're so cute.

Well, just relax, take a deep breath, and think it all over, and then let us know your reactions. (This ought to draw a letter at least.)

Love -

Us hopefuls.

Thompson Tex
March 17, 1940.

Dear Alma

I sure hope that you are getting along all right by this time, and guess it will not be very long before Kirby will be with you. if you do not go on the trip with him come down here and stay with us and I am sure it will do you good. the Dr dismissed Johnie case Sat but said that Johnnie would have to come for a while longer but not so often. they had to take the baby ~~Sat~~ Friday. they both had such a cold

we had a cold spell last week and we did not get out much but today was such a nice day Wilfred & family were down for the day, I think they were all well this time, I hope that you will take time to write to me before you leave and while you are on your tour, I hope that Shirley has kept well on this trip but I am afraid he has met up with some pretty bad weather in some places as I have seen in the papers they were having some terrible times in some of the places that he was going too,

well I had another birth day not
long ago- so I am another year older.
Please write to me soon Lovingly

Mother,

March 22, 1962

Dear Dr. Papa:

It meant so much to us to meet you at Dr. Caro's house and to have the privilege to talk with you that we feel we must tell you that. We hope you spend Easter with your family and all of you have a wonderful time.

Please take our best wishes and our very best regards. We really do hope we shall see you again!

Very sincerely yours
Else and Fritz Siegel

Thompson Ty.
March 23, 1940.

Dear Alma

I received your letter yesterday and sure was glad to get it am so glad you are getting along so well hope you will not work you self down and do hope that you will get to go. that is one thing that you really do need is a good rest. I appreciate you thinking of me in regards to the place but it would be impossible for me to do any thing now. I would have to see it before I would know

if I would like it. any way I
would not be able to do so much
to help my self like Mrs Bunny is
as I am not as strong as I have
been, I guess you are proud that
you are going to be Grandmother. I hope
it will be so that I can be near
at that time, that is if I could
be some help to some one.
I recieved a letter from Buddie last
week he said that he did not have
many more days to live and he
hoped that if there was a God that
he would forgive me, for not coming
to see him more often. I think
Johnnie & John were very nice to me

they took me up there several times
to see him. I was not able to go
want on him any way. he lives
two or three miles from any one and
have no Phone to get any one if
either of us should get sick.
I am sorry but I have done all I can.
he said he knew that I hated him
and Beulah. I really think he is
loosing his mind. tell K. & Sis
that I am still looking for that
letter. and I do hope that you will
write to me some time while you
are on your tour. tell Kirby to take
good care of you. and lots of love
to you all Lovingly Mother.

more
more
rain
today

Sat night Mar 30 —

Kirby Dear — Marie brought the letter about five o'clock — had been to a party for Margaret — they were to eat the chickens I had dressed for supper — they were not to have any company — but of course Georgea was on hand — and Denie were up there the day.

No rain — but I planted the okra anyway — watered the berries — sold one chicken 3 lbs at 25 cent — had no trouble in getting the mill signed Kirby that letter upset me — will have a bad night — for your sake I ought to keep the check — but I cannot have written the Bank inclosing it — I will try to get along on as little as possible — would rather suffer hardship than take money from her please do not hold that debt against Teak Murry forgave him — because he knew Teak could

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Thank you,

HOTEL COVELL

Per Lyman Olson

203 Hackberry Ave.
Modesto, California

My dear Mr. Page (or Secretary):

When Mrs. Carrol Powers turned over the $80 to you in Modesto Saturday, March 30, she understood that the expenses of your hotel would be taken from that. Other expenses were deducted first, but not that. This bill came to me the other day, so I am forwarding it to you.

We appreciated very much your coming and your message, and good results have followed in the way of interest and deepening convictions. We had an open forum discussion in the First Baptist Church following an evening service at which I preached on "The Bible and War", showing the necessity of following Jesus rather than the Old Testament. I felt our conservative brethren need that driven home. It was an interesting and profitable discussion. More power to you! Luckily, most of the conservatives who abound here and many of whom were at your meeting, had no idea you wrote "Jesus or Christianity"--or they would have been up in arms!

Sincerely yours,

Rev. Edward Goodman
General Chairman

YALE UNIVERSITY
NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

April 8th

Dear mammy and pappy,

Well, I guess we are full-fledged "Quakers" now. The New Haven Meeting was recognised yesterday by the Wider Quaker Fellowship, which is the way they're working it with the independent meetings in University centers and the like. They had a good meeting in the morning, followed by a business meeting, and later at 3 pm a Conference hour at which Mr and Mrs. Harvey Perry spoke of the Refugee Work they had been doing in Germany last summer. It was all very interesting. There were people down from different other meetings for the day. Bernard Walton and Leslie Shaffer were also here. Walton sure is a swell guy. Wonderful sense of humor too. But boy were we tired of sitting by them. Its too bad, because the weather was perfect spring weather. (at last) Its raining today again.

We're getting more and more perturbed over the prospect of being apart all next year. It would be impossible for Walt to drive out vacations, because of the expense and more because of the strain, he wouldn't be worth much after that. Besides, I could aford to come back by train as much as that. Its $40. worth of gas alone one way. But barring the expense of my getting back here, after I got here it would cost us more to live than this year. Because we would need an apt. by ourselves and that would cost more. And we just get by now. Oh well, maybe something will come up. Walt says he doesn't like the idea of Refectory cooking either!

I don't know whether we'll be able to make connections on the trip west or not. It depends on our passengers when we leave. And We probably won't be able to leave much before the 5th of june. We could possibly meet in Tenn. of N.C. if we went south route. Where are you planning to take that rest day, June 7th and 8th? Well, afraid we'll have to wait a while to decide that too. Haven't any too definite passengers yet.

Got a letter from Gramma Murray the other day. Guess she s pretty lonely. It was raining too. I told her I wanted some corn when I got home. She says ok.

Is that portable typewriter still at Sherwoods office, Dad???? We could sure use it here, but have never been able to get down to get it. Need one up at the Library too, besides here. Can't take the darn periodicals out, so have to type them up there. I'm afraid I haven't been doing too much on them lately, Walts kept me so busy with typing notes, and now papers come up. Have to have Macintosh's in by May 1st. He's been doing lots of reading, just starting to write it--in dialogue form. More fun.

I finally got an appointment for the right dentist clinic, a week from Monday, and it will cost me a quarter for every filling, not bad, and I have a couple of small ones. Took two hours to get the appointment. Such red tape at clinics, but they have to I guess.

Guess what, I'm learning how to knit. Tsk. Its more fun. I want to knit a baby sweater, but don't know if I'll ever make the grade. Mines sure uneven still. One lady sure had the cutest sweater she had knit for her baby. She's going to show me how. I've been practicing straight knitting on a ball of yarn. Its fun. But am I slow.

Pete's back from the hospital (scarlet fever) but still in bed for a week, and more trouble to take care of. Have to boil all the things he uses to eat with.

Take care of yourselves,

Love

Walt & Mary

Thompson Tex
April 14, 1940.

Dear Alma

I will try to write a little today but do not know yet if I shall try to send it to you on your trip or send it to La Habra to be sent to you. I have not been feeling any too well the last week, and if I do not feel better soon I think I shall go to the Hospital. I hope that you and Ruby are having a good time. I imagine

you are enjoying it if you are feeling all right. I shall try to write to K. & Iris soon also Mary I received a long letter from her not so long ago. and she seems very happy about the future, it is very nice to be that way. from what I read in the papers you are up against all kind of weather. Johnnie had her garden started just fine and one had another cold spell and the frost got some of the things, and will have to plant again. I hope that you will

write to me as often as you can as I am anxious to hear from you & Ruby and how you are getting along.. if that Dr does not help you, you had better come down here and try Johnnie Dr. I think she will have to buy more clothes or make ~~them~~ some more as she has lost so much weight that she would not be able to keep what she has on. ~~[illegible]~~ she says she did not have that tired feeling so much as she had before.. but has had a little cold lately. lots of love to you both and always be careful

Lovingly Mother.

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26 BROADWAY

MAUCH CHUNK, PA.

april 15.

Dear Folks:

Just a few lines to speed this letter on its way.

after all our hot weather it is trying to rain today

Grandma in bed yesterday and part of today. I think the main trouble is just going to bed really needs to rest. We will spend afternoon with her.

Well Time to get lunch ready "oh dear what to eat"!

Haven't heard from Mary since your folks left. Hope everything is all right. Won't be long.

Take good care of yourselves. We think of you often if not all the time.

Loads of love
Marie.

KIRBY PAGE
POST OFFICE BOX 247
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

April 16th

Dear Marco Polos,

Well, I must say that you might have written a short note to put in with those wills and folders!! Tho we were a bit surprised to get them, I suppose its a good idea. Sound all nice and legal etc. Hope you never have to use them, or rather that we don't have to.

So far, I'm feeling tip top. Might possibly be because I get so darn much sleep. But pretty soon I have to start typing papers. In the meantime, Walt hardly has time to take a shower. Gosh, he has to be out all but two nights this week, when hes trying to write his Macintosh paper. Hes having a heck of a time getting started. Gosh thats no cinch, is it. Bet you couldn't write much on Barth yourself.

What do you think? I'm learning how to knit. Actually. I'm knitting a white baby sweater. So far so good, have about 3/4 of one side of the front done. Its sure fun. And no stitches dropped yet. It goes pretty fast casue its so small. Sure cute tho. I also bought some outing flannel, and cut out 2 dresses and a slip and a jacket, from 5 yds. (63¢) Also some wider (36") for a blanket, blue with white lining and border. The border is about 6" wide, and scolloped in the center. Its sure fun to work on them. So far I'we only got the blanket all pinned, and the jacket sewed. Jackets blue too, not that I'm hoping or anything, I'll have 2 complete outfits of each of 3 colors before I'm thru, or should have for the baby's sake. Blue, white and pink of course. But I'm going to decorate them all differently. I put both blue and pink on the jacket. Sort of an overcast stitch around the edges, with the pink and blue close together, Looks like peppermint candy. I like to knit, and I can do it while I'm listening to the radio, and its very restful, more so than reading. I still have to watch it, but I don't have to concentrate so hard on it now as when I first started.

Mothers' classes are good, and I'm really learning lots. They do an excellent job. Do you know New Haven is one of the best places in the country to have a baby? They only have 30 out of a thousand deaths of the baby before its first birthday. And it would be only about 15 if they didn't count premature births. But I'm glad I'm going to have it at home, while I'll get the benefit of the classes now.

So far we have one passenger to Calif. lined up, and another possibility. Kaler, who we thought we might get, will drive his brother's car out if he doesn't ride his bike out, like he wants to. Hope he doesn't do that tho. Its a long way.

The ride won't do me any good, but at 5 months ought not to do any harm. So the Doctor thinks. It will be quite tiring, espacially on my back, but we'll take pillows and stop frequently. Its the long continuous vibration and bumping that does the harm. I'll be all right tho,

I've been trying to think out ways of making a sunsuit, Mother. I think I have a way all devised, but its rather hard to explain. But I'll have to have something cool to wear around home, and to get my sunshine in. I can't go swimming, which breaks my heart. But I'll live thru it. Gosh, I can hardly wait to get home. Tho I'm sorry that you old soaks won't be there for another month. Whats the big idea? Anyhow??

By the way, how's the car doing? And did you ever get it polished the way I advised, I bet not. Aren't the new Dodges beauties? Well, take care of each other, and make yourselves write. I'll do my best taking care of the expectant father. In his condition.....anything could happen.

Love

Mary —

Some schedule you've got lined-up there for next year. Sounds great guys. (guess that isn't a very good pacifist epitaph!)

Boys — this Barthian theology is really foggy stuff — like pulling teeth trying to get anything out of it!

Jumping six ways as usual. Took part in a Peace Conference here last week — not well attended tho — organization was poor.

Don't go speeding around too fast!

Ever,

Bob.

Sunday April 21st

Dear Eldens.

Sure sounds like beautiful country you're traveling thru.. Walt's been up in Wash. & Oregon and he sure likes the scenery. I'd like to go thru there some day myself. Walt & his folks used to spend every summer traveling and camping when he was a smaller brat. So they've pretty much covered the west. I'd be content to even get

to Yosemite or Yellowstone
some day.

Right now it looks
like the 7th or 8 June - your
rest day, would be the
best time to catch you.
We'd go home semi-southern
route then, which is
about as direct as
any, and not the
same as the ways we've
been before, tho that's
the way Walt came out
xmas last year. Remember?

Tell Dad I think
he ought to be writing

more magazine articles these days. Of course I'm not so busy that I can't think that, but I guess he has his hands pretty full. (He lay since his last something in the Christian Century.)

About next year — you're too generous wanting to pay 2 round trips next year. It would be cheaper to pay one fare one way — meaning mine, and Walt ought to be able to save a little first term, so we ought

to be able to live here
cheaper than 2 round trips,
and much more satisfactory.
I know a year doesn't
have to be forever - but we
can at least try not
to be separated. I want
Walt to see the baby
grow up too. - Well - that'll
work out - Hope you
keep rested -

Love - Mary

Up to our necks writing
papers on subjects pretty
deep for practical minds. guess
it's good discipline. Lousy
weather - but it can't last.
- Will distribute flyers to kids
from the South OK. - looks good
- Mary

KIRBY PAGE
347 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK

April 26, 1940

Dear Elders,

I hope you're behaving. How is everything? Us, we're having wonderful time.... Just finished typing the paper for Macintosh. Its 45 pages, about right, and not bad I'd say. Even makes sense to me in spots. It had to be in dialogue form, and I get the biggest kick out of the way Walt sits there and talks to himself, under a couple of different names. He sure askes leading questions, and all such tricks. Wait'll you see it. Sure glad its over, its due next Wednesday, but we still have Niebuhr's and Shedd's. (I like that "we")

I've almost finished knitting that white sweater. Just have the last part of the back to do. Got to start on another one now, blue. I'm going to have a lot harder time with this one, the way I'm going to try to do it. Have to keep counting, drives you crazy, almost.

Well, I had my first drilling by the dentist. He just put in a temporary filling, its quite extensive, but I think its the worst. Two sessions next week. They only work on you half an hour. Don't know whether thats just the clinic way, or because I'm pregnant.

Thanks, Dad, for the check. We're saving it for the trip, because I think we can get by nicely (I hope) till we leave on what we have. Gosh, only one more month and a few days to go. Wow, and do I want to get home, where I can get some sunshine and feel warm. Not to mention the oranges and vegetables, etc.

I keep seeing things I want to get for the baby. But I just have to clamp down and resist. Besides this is no place to get what I do get anyhow, I'd have to cart it cross country. I'm going to have a hard anough time packing and deciding what to take and what not to anyway. I start sweating every time I think of packing.

I've sent away to every place imaginable, and what funny places, for booklets on baby care etc. Most of the life insurance companies put out several, so I sent around for a batch, the ones I know of anyway. Hope I get something. In the meantime, I try hard to eat all that I'm suposed to and not to eat what I8m not supposed to, and I really have a time keeping track, and trying to give Walt something he likes as well.

The worst item of the bunch is that I'm supposed to stuff up on liver, for my iron, supposedly twice a week till I stop nursing, Gosh, thats bad enough if you like the darn stuff, but I can't even get it down. So I concentrate on liverworst, which isn't so hard to take. And I devour mountains of spinach, and raisins, and prunes, and hope it makes up for it. With an improved diet, and more attention to my daily walks, my constipation has improved a bit. I have to be careful tho. But that's not as bad as being nausiated, which thank heavens I'm not. So I have a lot to be thankful for.

....

Walt's up playing handball now. It's all the exercise he gets, so he plays several times a week. Its good for him, and hes getting pretty good himself I gather. My back gets tired, so I'm going to try to get a little baby pillow to use in the car, to try to prevent it some. Hope it works. Well, I've got to get supper ready now, for the hungry ball player. Take care of yourself.

Love Nancy

Hi-ya Pals!

Some "gad-abouts" must be a grand trip - seeing more scenery than usual. Think we have the work under control here O.K. Had a fair peace rally in the Law School on the 19th Calhoun, Jerome Davis, Schroeder and Rep. Shanley. - Schroeder did well on the Church + War.

How would some hotel in Nashville, Tenn. do on the evening of the 7th + 8th of June. We checked this with your schedule + with our starting early on the 5th we could make it about there O.K. Maybe someplace nearer Athens would do, where is said location? Take plenty of "relaxin" - Bye now, Walt

Kirk Thursday, may 2nd

May come in hot cooler today
What makes you think I need so
much money - but thanks so much
have enough now for two months
so please do not send any next pay
day - that ten makes up for eggs
& chickens - I have almost worked
over the garden since the rain it
was fine but came down hard with
some hail & packed the ground hard
Perry helped half a day - lots of help
we have not place to plant the Dofa
beans right now but will soon as
something comes off - & do you believe
it - Perry got me a loaf of Daybean
bread - its cream color, & good
ground in Oan Ta Anita - baked here

last two hens hatched 16 & 10
have not sold any more hatching
eggs - or fryers. the potatoes are
large enough to eat. Perry pulled out
two, made me a meal. plan to get some
for all Sunday. P & M - will eat with
me - do not know yet what Kay & his
will do - he eat with me last Sunday
she never came home for week end
I bought some vitamin B-1. pellets
treating the strawberries - once a week -
one pill to five gallons of water - pour
some on each plant - took fifteen
gallons of water. forty in bar - as to
the Co Agent said I was using the
more Perry - Blondyke is the standard
for this section / love & prayers. Mother

KIRBY PAGE
POST OFFICE BOX 247
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

Sunday May 5
6:00

Dear Folks.

Prepare for the shock, we got 22 trees at $3.50 per, some chiseling, we also had to sign a not not to use, sell or give away any buds. so the sad news is $77

Gale just droped in with a Mr and Mrs allen from Seattle. So we did not get much studying done. But We will.

I made a jewel box out of the iron wood and it sure is a honey if I do say so. I stayed up at the school until 11:00 one night, and boy was I tired 15 hours is a lot to stand up. Just thru more weeks and then exams. woop!

Kay.

Iris says she did her duty by getting me to write so she sends her love.

Thanks for the check. I saved $5 bucks last month. Don't know how I did it.

Have a good time and use the camera a lot you will enjoy it later.

Roy

Thompson Tex
May 7, 1940

Dear Alma & Kirby

I had just begin
to worry about you when I recieved
your letter Sunday. sure was glad
to get it, and glad that you
all are getting along so well.
Kirby I was afraid Alma
would play out on you. but
I guess that is just what
she needed. to get away

from that place, she just
stayed there too long. now she
will enjoy it more when she
gets back and will soon be
ready to go again.
we are having real warm weather
down here now but it has
not been warm so very long.
we had a late frost that
killed all the berries. but
we are so thankful that it
was not any worse. we have
any kind of vegetables that
we want. soon will have lots

of things in the garden.
in regards to Johnnie's trouble
she was over weight and had
falling of womb the Dr has
been treating her for that. he
said that trouble would come
any one to have those headaches
in the back of the head.
I told her she had no reason
to have that kind of trouble
she had never had a baby.
(so there) that is what the
Dr at League City told her
one day when we went thru

there to let him see her baby
he said. You did not have it,
well for my self I still have
that stomache trouble and have
to take something all the time
sometimes I am worse than at other,
I am too old to be operated
on or since my old Dr died I
have just given up the hope
of ever doing any thing, write one
as often as you can as you
know I cannot help but worry
have not heard from K. & I mi
think they should write once
a year any way, lots of love,
lovingly, Mother.

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Hotel Carolina

ROBERT I. LEE, MANAGER

Raleigh, N.C.

May 11, 1940

Dear Alma & Kirby.

Plenty hot here now have had three ~~[illegible]~~ real hot days, so far today not bad.

Had a nice birthday supper last night with fried chicken a big angel food cake (was thinking of you Kirby) that Perry had fixed up at the Bakery. Was expecting Kay & Sis but received a card saying they wouldn't be here. So we ate it by ourselves.

We finally broke down and went to a movie. Saw Jack Ben in "Buck Benny Rides again"

we were engaged It.

Kittens everywhere 12 of them playing all around. here do have fun watching them. him sits and looks at them by the hour. Chato barkit had one of those attacks since you folks left. One day last week the county Pound truck drove in the drive way and turned around. Chato barked + barked but he stayed in the bushes you sure couldn't see him. So I think he must have read L.A. county Pound on the side of the truck. Smart dog we have,

The three peaches that didn't leave their leaves are there flowering peach almond. Have

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least nearly all their leaves now and have two or three blooms.

The first gladiolus is now in bloom, white. The weeping cherry is now in bloom but white this year.

We all write us a long letter and tell us all about the sights. Letter from Mary & Walt this week.

Loads of love

Marie.

May 11, 1940

Dear Folks -

Long time no hear - but I guess you're busy. Did you get our letter at Iowa City? We're wondering if you can meet us at Nashville on the 8th or not. We're still all set to leave on the 5th and we have one sure passenger, with another probable one. Both. I can hardly wait.

Got your cute Mom's Day

card. Was I surprised?!

Walt is struggling with his thesis chapter now. Bit off quite a chunk. Writing on Barth's & Brunner's political ethics.

What do you think of the mess the world is in? Do you suppose the fact that it's now raging so hard will mean it's going to be fairly short one way or the other, and maybe we can keep out. Or are we going to go running if Hitler

gets ahead? Gosh what a mess. But it all seems so unreal here. Life still goes on here the same. I sit knitting baby clothes. And papers have to be written.

Got a letter from Susie finally and she said something about being out there this summer. First I heard – by herself – of that??

Big John got a job in the chorus of the Light

Opera Co. and is doing "Pinafore" in Frisco a week and then in L.A. then "Merry Widow" the same — they're starring John Charles Thomas, so ought to be good experience for John. Gave up his 1/. job. Going more definitely into music. I'm glad. Hope he gets some breaks.

Well behave yourselves and write soon.

Love —

Mary & Walt.

He's just now in a fog Re: Barth's political ethics!. Some stuff — Walt.

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Raleigh, N.C.

May 13, 1940

Dear Alma & Kirby:

Thanks - but for the birthday check. Don't know yet what I will get. Perry gave me five too and Alberta gave me mothers - dollar & two grandmas so I have eleven dollars to spend. But we I got myself a pair of nylon hose. am sending you a pair in with your things. When I send them to Jonesboro, N.C.

moved the transplanted daisies up from old bath house. They sure have been blooming. Our first double petunia blooming on the side of wall.

your nice letter for Margaret came just when needed. She was in bed all week with a bad chest cold. Took her to Dr Cook in La Habra. He sure broke it up.

Dr. Koch cancer clinic, 8181 East Jefferson, Detroit, Michigan.

Glenn left yesterday for the Feather River, he will stay up there all summer.

Perry put out the crab apple tree today can and all it sure is pretty many ahead of the other one.

thinks of you often and will be glad when you are back. Write soon.

Loads of Love

Marie

Margaret

Boy, oh Boy - Do these Weeds grow. As fast as I get one bunch thru - Then on to another. All ok. P.a.

May 27, 1940

Dear Folks.

Tomorrow is the last day of school for me except I test on the ~~eight~~ 8th. Can you beat it – the last day of finals so – tonight I am all through – can't tell yet what the grades will be but I think I will get an A in the one I wanted too and perhaps a couple B's Oh well, what the Hell or something like that

However Iris still has about 4 or 5 tests left so she has

to stay over the intervening 10 days.

We stayed over last weekend and studied. I spent 16 hours over a drawing board and my back was sore all day.

As far as I know everything is all right at home but I'll tell you more later. Is there anything in particular you want me to do.

use your camera a lot Kay.

Untill you get home

gosh what a screwy ending - must be my higher education.

KIRBY PAGE
POST OFFICE BOX 247
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

May 27th

Dear Folks:

Time out from typing Shedd's paper for a while. Just so it gets done before we leave. Word from Betty is that her father is quite ill,has been, and they're bringing him to New York, last week-end, or this week. So we're not sure that they will have a bed for us Fri. night, but she said to stop by and see anyway. So I guess we will. Ann Gutherie also stays there between stops. She leaves June 15th for Calif, stopping at Estes etc., then India, Aug. 19th. Ought to try to get her to stop home and see us on the way. I'll try if she's around when we go down. Betty says she has more energy than ever.

We haven't started packing yet, but we're beginning to feel the effects of it. I'm trying to figure out the best things to wear and use between now and then so we'll have the least amount of washing and ironing etc. Have to bring 2 dirty sheets home I guess. It's a cinch I won't have to bring much in the way of wardrobe home. I'm down to three dresses, the green linen, the blue print, my jumper and blouses and sweaters, and a new maternity dress I made for $3.00. It's navy silk, with white eyelet collar. Very full front, caught in by sash that is sown in the side seams, wide under the arms, narrowing down. Very simple, and nice and expansive. Looks pretty good too, I think. Tho Walt laughs every time he sees me putting it on. After I get the sash tied tho, he stops. Guess it does look a bit like a sack till then tho. But I had to have something to wear to the fair. I got some white shoes, low heels, that are kinda sporty, have a red white and black plaid platform sole, and a marching pocketbook. Then I got a little white hat, looks like a waitress cap Walt says, tho I think its more like a stewardess cap. Cute.

Walts going out now, so I guess I'd better let him mail this. Haven't heard from you yet about where to meet in Knoxville, did you get my letter to Wausau, Wisc??? Hope so, just wanted to know where to meet you. We got out Conoco travelaid. And is it nice. Shows the whole routh in short maps bound into a book.

Look forward to seeing you with great anticipation — Carry On —!

Love - Les.

KIRBY PAGE
POST OFFICE BOX 247
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

May 30th

Dear Pap--woops, pardon me, Dear Dr.

Its comforting to know we'll have a doctor in the house now. That is unless the Board finds out that you're a Red before then. No kidding, congratulations! And now that you've reached this sober age of maturity and responsibility, maybe you'll be a better equiped grandpater. Who knows?

We're all set for Knoxville, even if we don't have any sure passengers yet. However, unless he gets a new car slip before Monday, I guess Kaler will come with us. The other ones all got different way, either sooner, or cheaper arrangements. Kaler has us at his mercy as far as rates go, cause if he gets the new car, the lady would pay all expenses, and he wanted to ride his bike to Ohio. But we'll know soon.

Walt's up taking his last exam now, from Niebuhr. Hope it doesn't kill him. He's sure tired of studying. Poor guy. And he still has some more to write on Shedd's paper. Tho the worst part of that is done. After weeks of rain, its finally nice today, for Decoration Day, so I guress we'll go on down to the Fair tomorrow. Hope so. Gosh we've sure had the weather all year. No spring to speak of, cold so darn long, and then all rain. Ought to stay clear for a while now tho.

I've started packing, got my clothes all packed away, I'm certainly not bringing much home. Now the problem is to find boxes to pack things in. I want to get the books out of the way next, then start on the bedding, linen and decorations, then dishes and pans. Oh my!!! Plus the stuff that Walt will need next year, packed separately. The last six dollars that I earned from Mr. Morris is taking us to the Fair. By the way, thanks for the check. You shouldn't have, you know, but we may need it if we don't get any passengers. Walt has to get another suit, thought we'd wait till we get out there. But all he has now is his suit, everything else is just in rags. He got a little extra from the Y on some work he did, so we were figuring to use that for the suit. The baby comes on the installment plan I guess. I've been fortunate on not having to spend any money on it yet tho, about $1.50 in clinic quarters, and I got my teeth all taken care of for $2.00. Not bad. Outside of my mineral oil, I haven't spent any thing else.

Well, don't get tongue-tied, Dr. Page. We'll be seeing you.

Walt & Mary

Hi!

Well exams all washed up!
Some relief. — Now if we
can dispose of half our stuff
we'll be on the way before long.

See you in Knoxville

Walt

Congratulations!
"doc"

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ROBERT I. LEE, MANAGER

Raleigh, N.C.

June 3, 1940

Dear Folks:

Sent two letters to you airmail to St. Paul but it must take more than ~~five~~ four days for it to get there. It left here the 17th of May. It was sent to Superior from there and then back here. I have been trying to allow plenty of time and even call at the Post office but they must get held up in L.A. so they say down here.

letter to St Paul left Rattlebra May 17 and reached there 22nd

Sent things to Juneau today.

Penny worked half day at mothers today.

Anna please write your mother seems no one has written her for some time and they are worried about you folks. We got letter from Johnnie this morning. We are answering it now so she will know all o.k. but that you are busy.

Only 47 more days before you will be home.

Loads of love

Marie

Sat. June 8, 1940

Dear Folks:

Well I guess you are having a nice visit with Mary & Walt. and then in a week they will be home. I won't be here to greet them so they will have to come over to hospital to see me. But I will be here bright and chipper when you get home may be fat & sassy. Just wait till you hear about my operation. It will be a relief to have this pain stopped as it has been bothering me pretty steadily for a couple of weeks.

Everything growing fine the

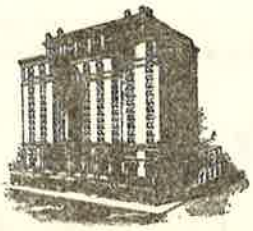
flowers are all so pretty. I am sure the tulips were beautiful in Holland, Mich. The green countryside must be lovely. The hills here are so dry and brown. Hay all cut and taken in.

Mrs. R. Smith is renewing your World Cole subscription which runs out this month. She sent it in with the others from the church. Said to send you her love. Shall I send the money in to her or do you want to send a check?

Write soon. Will be a few days before I get to write again. Thinking of you often.

Loads of love

Marie.



HOTEL ANDREW JOHNSON

KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE

Sunday - June 9th

Dear Folks -

Well we made Nashville all right last night, and are now just outside of Little Rock. We branch north tomorrow. We have the nicest auto court here. We stopped about seven. And talk about coincidence, the fellow who runs the place used to work for Teague Lumber in Sta Habra, and the colored porter here has met you several times at conference. Don't

know his name, but he goes to some college in Little Rock I think. He's a fine fellow. He sure was tickled to hear that I was your daughter. He's gotten so much from you.

Folks like we'll get home about Friday evening or Saturday if all goes well - lots of rain today - so hot too hot - We got some fruit.

Did the Hotel turn my fountain pen over to you. We must have left it there. Hope you have it.

Jallopy going strong! Taking more time to stop - - and not getting so "tired on one end" -

It was grand seeing you - Love,

Mary and Walt

ARTESIA HOSPITAL
ARTESIA, CALIFORNIA

Thurs. June 20

CARLYLE L. AHRENS, M. D.
GENERAL SURGERY

Dear Alma & Kirby:

Just wait until you hear about my operation. Here I am home and glad of it. The doctor said this morning I could sit in a chair for awhile this afternoon. But when I sit up in bed I get dizzy. Next week I may get to go down stairs.

I sure do want to thank you folks for everything. I don't know how we can ever repay all the things you do for us.

Yes the doctor has hopes of me gaining some weight. But I hope not to much.

sure is good to see Mary & Walt both are looking good. They give such glowing reports on you two especially Alma. Which makes us very happy.

I feel so helpless won't let me do anything but lay here, read, listen to the radio, or talk when some one comes up. Sure a fine time for me to get down. but I know I am going to feel so much better then I have in a long time.

Thinking about you and praying that your strength will bear up under this great strain.

Loads of love

Marie.

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HOTEL PENNSYLVANIA
NEW YORK

Wed. June 2 6

Dear Alma + Kirby:

up and around a little bit, but can't go down the stairs until Sunday or Monday. But so far have been content to move around up here.

Been having fine corn from Grandma's also the first Okra today. Beans carrots and turnips also.

Mr. + Mrs. Cheverton came out this morning. He married Dr. Cooke, also played golf with him. Said to tell you + Kirby hello and they will be glad to see you back.

Myrtle came out this afternoon only working half day now so we will begin to get things going now.

Had a dream Mary's baby was a girl

so I told them if they wanted a boy it was to load.

Do I have fun have to wear a girdle for support can't hardly breath.

Both house looks O.K. from the window Perry keeping it watered

heads of hose

Marie

Allentown, Pa,
July 5, 1940.

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HARRY E. PAULSEN, MANAGER

TRAVERSE CITY MICHIGAN

Dear Nats:

First and foremost I'm rarin mad because you guys didn't take care of Chato properly - That just goes to show what happens when mama leaves home. Mama goes and has an appendix and gets laid up and then you guys let a skunk chew up Chato and don't doctor him. Kay ought to know enough to take care of his first dog <u>every day</u> when he has a hunt. What I want to know is: Where was Nino when things happened to Chato?

Mary, you can have the rayon print, but the light rose silk is mine & Marcia's. And that black is <u>mine</u>. You took mine last year. There is a white cotton coat you can use if you need it too. In making a cotton print dress why don't you make a wrap-around skirt with straps over shoulder, and a jacket? And don't anyone cut up that slip material. I'm coming home and make a slip I can <u>use</u>. I don't seem to have enough hump in the back to hold it up.

Boy. Oh boy are we rearing to get home. We passed a road gang Wednesday and they had evidently contacted a striped kitty, and Dad said "You know that makes me homesick". I can hardly realize that we start homeward Sunday noon. We have three things in our favor, we are on the West side of Allentown and some going through that much downtown traffic, and we gain an hour from daylight saving and an hour from Eastern to Central time. But, also, we are a heck of a long way from Watseka, Ind. We have to be there by 8 P.M. Monday. It will be easier to get to Monticello Tuesday afternoon. We surely are anxious to get home and get some decent eats. The conferences are harder even than the hotels. I don't even attempt breakfast here. I take fruit juices & fruit, and we hunt a restaurant for the evening meal. I manage at lunch, but had to come up and supplement with an orange. Incidentally good oranges are 49¢ a doz. small ones were 15 for 25¢. I haven't been feeling too hot the last two weeks, but have persuaded Kirby to pay attention to some mileage next year. also more rest days. He even claims we are going to have a rest week in the middle. Do you believe him? Haven't worn my white shoes since Knoxville!! Perry, keep your grip a little longer. I take it that Mama will not be able to go to Feather River on account of steep descent to river and climb back up. Suppose K & Iris will be with Frances & Merlin when we get there. Mary & Walt can carry on.

Love to all from Ma + Pa.

KIRBY PAGE
POST OFFICE BOX 247
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

July 9, 1940

Dear Mommy + Pappy -

I guess this is the last place we can get a letter to you. So here goes.

We're still hard at work doing nothing. Its been so darn hot these last few days that its no wonder. Kay + Walt went down and fixed up Grandma's place yesterday a little.

Believe it or not we cleaned up the Billiard Room the other day - here made a difference. You can actually

play a little when you get home. Better get ready — Walt & I have been practicing. We also had the piano tuned yesterday — cost $5. This time. He did a lot more work on it — and had practically every piece of it apart. Spent half his time cleaning it — with his little vacuum. It plays nicely now.

I haven't heard from Susie yet — I wrote her a couple of weeks ago that you expected to see her here when you got home — but no answer yet. I'll try again. Be seeing you soon — Take care —

Love —
Mary

KIRBY PAGE
POST OFFICE BOX 247
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

7/9/40

Hi-Ya-Pals!

Boy o Boy - I'll bet you'll be rearin' to get here before long now - Take it easy on the gas Ma, & don't scare Pappy out of his wits just because you're in a hurry!!

Everyone enjoyed the last epistle immensely - especially Perry over the crack. "Where was Nino?"

With this sun - Joy & I have nice 'tans' coming along - We're the "arch enemy" of weeds - all sizes & varieties. We team-up & go down the rows together. The trees are looking swell. Everything is under control

Golf game is on + off -
(mostly off lately!!) My Dad
is coming home from the mts -
for a about a week. So
we'll get to see him a little
while anyway. We haven't gotten
up there yet.

Will be all set to tear
into this book. When you arrive

Take it easy - until then.

Ever,

Bart

Friday 2nd —

Happy Birthday to you and many of them.
We arrived here yesterday 1.30 PM.
All well, and we will go down to river Sunday Am.
Really beautiful up here — Slept like a log.
Marie feeling good & feel sure will do her lots of good — Hello to mother & all.

Lots of Love
Marie and Perry.

11.15 Am
Thurs —

Leaving now for abs place —
Plenty Dusty and are we tired.
All well & OK and everyone feeling fine —
Hope all were there — Love,
Perry.

PACIFIC SCHOOL OF RELIGION
1798 SCENIC AVENUE
BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

September 19, 1940.

Dear Kirby:

Because I shall not be in Redlands when you speak there on the 29th, due to my temporary engagement to lecture here in Berkeley, I want to send you this note of regret at my absence and of confidence that your visit will be worth while.

As you know, there has been the unexpected campaign of opposition, but I believe it has been practically ended by an informal conference which some of us, including myself back in Redlands for a day, had a couple of weeks ago. We dispelled several misunderstandings concerning you, and made it clear that the sponsoring groups intended to stand by you and the free speech issue. The greatest fear which the critics then had was that your pacifism might seem disloyal, but perhaps the actual wording of the draft bill as passed since then may lead them to see that America still has room for many types of opinion and action. I do not anticipate that any group will attempt to restrain you by force or to break up the meeting, but should that happen, your courteous attitude and the non-violence which all our group would follow would prevent any serious consequences.

Yesterday we heard Norman Thomas here, without any question. Redlands will learn in time, as most of its citizens now entirely agree, that we must hear and respect the views of all sincere and constructive thinkers.

Sincerely as ever
Earl Cranston

September 24, 1940

Dear Walt:

We were glad indeed to hear that you had such a swift and pleasant trip across the continent. Nellie is some lady!

All goes well here. Mary is in fine spirits. She and Alma went to Los Angeles today to change slippers, etc., and I mean etc.

At your convenience I will be grateful if you will look up statements made by Stresemann and Bruning to the effect that further delay in reducing armaments by the Allies would have disastrous results in Germany. Please look up articles and books by Arthur Henderson, who is the chairman of the Disarmament Conference, and Lord Robert Cecil, and see if you can some warnings that disaster would fall. In other words, what I need is quotable sentences showing responsibility of the democracies for the rise of Hitlerism.

If you could easily and conveniently have a short talk with Professor Arnold Wolfers, who is in the Dept. of International Relations, he might be able to save you a lot of time. He is a personal friend of mine and I think would be glad to help.

I have a copy of the Pipe Dream of Peace by John Wheeler Bennett, which tells the story of the failure of the Disarmament Conference, so you will not need to bother about that volume.

I am about 4/5's finished with the assembly of the daily readings, and am really thrilled by the way that they are taking shape. Carry on!

Cordially yours,

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Tuesday 29'

Darling

The baby was born yesterday morning and Mary and the baby are both doing fine. It has black hair and I'll tell you the color of the eyes when I see them. Wired Walt at same time as you. She should come home a week from tomorrow.

Marie had a wisdom tooth pulled and she looks about as you did last year. Nuts too. Trees all out

and watered. Pretty good rain.
Don't know whether I'm coming
or going.
Baby will probably be called
Judith Ann. Myrtle suggested
Penelope as her favorite, but when
I suggested it might turn to
Penny Raitt she withdrew.
Oh yes both dogs got a skunk
seems to be one apiece. Much love then some
yours allus alway

Oct 31
Thursday.

Darling!

Mary and the baby, Judith Ann, are doing nicely. Have been to the hospital each day. Will probably go to F.O.R. Meeting instead on Saturday. Wrote Sherwood and asked him if he could come out if I came after him, but he answered that he was full up with meetings. May see him a little Saturday some time.

Marie had a wisdom tooth out and is just getting near normal again. The doctor told Perry to begin getting his bad teeth out, and since most of them are bad he will probably have them all out and get plates.

Grandma Ratt spent two nights here. Likes it a lot. John spent the first night (Wed). He put through a call to Walt and let them (Mary & W.) talk. He was so pleased with himself for thinking of it, all because he couldn't find any flowers that night.

Hoops and hoops love, always yours
Alma.

Nov. 8, 1940

The California Limited

Santa Fe

Dear Kirby:

Sure glad to hear that everything is going O.K. and that you are feeling fine. Yes I had a fine time with my Jean, took the stitches out yesterday.

Judith ann is wonderful that is all except the trait she gets from her grandma Page, she hiccoughs. Sounds just like alma, we sure do tease her about it.

The school bus comes down to Fullerton & east road now a big help but will be better when it comes clear up.

Here is a big hug and kiss.

MARGARET PAGE

everything going fine and I know you will be pleased when you get home and see Jandy. Grandma is doing pretty good.

Kenneth Porter came back again. What do we do?

Write us soon. Take good care of yourself. Love

Marie-

KIRBY PAGE
POST OFFICE BOX 247
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

Sat. Nov. 9th

Dear Grandfaffy -

Well I walked a little today for the first time. I'll soon be up and around all right though I'm still a bit shaky now.

I'm sure sorry you didn't get to see Judy. She was a bit obstinate wasn't she? Even after she got started she took her time. Emmett had to use forceps to coax her out, and then when her head came out she stubbornly turned her face up instead of down, and that made it a little harder, but who cares now? I can't even remember how it felt.

You should see her. She's so darling. That pug nose sure is cute. Walt wants to know where she gets it from.

Walt sent my photographic equipment back, so I'll have to get busy and take lots of pictures. I'm going to as soon as I can get up and around a little better.

Judy has been pretty good at night, tho she does get a little bit orthery at times. I can hardly wait to get back to here Haven so Walt can share her too. It hardly seems fair for me to get all the fun these first couple of months.

You should hear Ma Page talk to her. She's worse than she is with Chato. Judy thrives on it tho.

Have a good time with Walt when you see him — and don't work too hard. Remember you've got to save your strength, you're a grandpappy now.

Love —

Mary

KIRBY PAGE
POST OFFICE BOX 247
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

Wed Night -
now 10 oclock

Dear Kirby! -
your good letter with checks rec'd today - Thanks - And all was needed - first Marie getting along fine as could be expected - I go once a day to see her. Think maybe be able to bring her home about Tues or Wed -
now, today the 12th - this am Myrtle come out with the first batch of stickers for the books for the Conferences starting the 16th - 17 places - 5,100 books = Were Kay & Iris hopped right in and helped me - In fact they finished them while I was gone to hospital, Con took me yesterday & today. And at 3.30 this afternoon we had them in P.O. at Pomona - That way will go off much quicker & maybe get there Sat - if not Monday.

So thats that - Will get the other off soon - Worked down stairs off & on tonight - However Margaret is sick tonight and won't let me stay away from her - She is in my bed now - rocking & tossing - Has sore throat & ear bothering her - Gave her cough medicine - the Doc fixed her about 3 or 4 weeks ago - Will watch her close tonight, Dont seem to be able to sleep any way - So whats the diff.

With the 15^{00} we got from Kay for stamps - Bought 100 - 15¢ stamps - They went quick - from the other 15 you sent had 16^{00} left when we started these orders - 15^{30} today for stamps - leaves 35^{00} and if ok with you will pay the 10^{00} you

KIRBY PAGE
POST OFFICE BOX 247
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

sent today for gro - with stamps Money
marking 45.00 on hand - Kay & his
had gro. money left and with
the other we had wire hand
plenty to go thru - Now if
there is to be 60 more phones
18,000 @ 30¢ will be 54.00
oh Boy but it takes the postage.
Now for Mine - Lets get an idea
how I will come out -
Had 40.00 in Bank - Have already
bought are my fishing equipment ect
for fenter river, about 25.00 worth,
with the 100.00 makes 140.00 on hand -
today paid off one nurse - 6.00 Another
one 12.00 gave hospital 50.00 on account
Another nurse tomorrow - Dr wanted her
special to stay on another day - She

Will have 24.00 Coming I know, hope there is no Extra hours above that — They get 6.00 for an 8 hour shift.

6 00
12 00
50 00
24 00
92.00

Will leave me 50.00 and hospital will want before the day Marie comes home — which will be about 50.00 I hope no more but hope less.
= 92.00 total I know of =

And then comes the Docs fee for operating and the trip's to hospital and so on & on & on — Can be helped & am so thankful she could do this and get over the suffering & be able to get well and feel like something.

We Both want to thank you two for being so good to us, and you may be sure we will try & make it up to you some how — God Bless you — Will keep you posted best I can — I'm kinda goofy — every thing will in hand so Don't worry — Love — Perry.

Nov. 13 – 40

Darling:

Hope the blizzards are not interfering too much with your schedule, and hope red has a heater in the car. If not get you some wool socks, at once. It has been cool here, but not too cold. no more rain yet. Most beautiful sunrise this morning. Judy saw to it that we saw the sun rise. She is howling bloody murder right now. She is a cute baby, and never was red and wrinkled, but she sure can provide plenty of work. Mary is up and around this week. We go to the Dr. today to report. What do you think of me? Armistice day I put out a wash by myself, five big tubs full. Yesterday afternoon I worked outside for a change and really did get tired. Also, we are out of money and I hope you have some money on the way because we sure do need it. Guess I should not have given Perry all of his at once. Kay doesn't have his yet, only the rent. Paid Myrtle last

week and gone ~~her~~ home for stamps.

Hope we get another 25 before Friday the 15th.

Heaps and heaps love
always — your
alwa.

So Habra, Nov 14, 20

Kirby Dear – your letter, & clipping came to me yesterday, none of us had seen any thing about the death, thanks –

We are having a fierce Santa Anna wind started yesterday, blew all night, & worse to day hurting garden stuff mightily –

I took out about half of the old tomato vines this morning, & planted two rows of turnips there – but the wind, & dust, got so bad I had to come in, still get a few figs, & okra, turnips, & snap beans –

got all of the strawberries transferred on level ground, & this end dug up, & leveled for cabbage & onions – the soy beans are making some not very many eggs yet, & the hen you got to set, died, & the eggs lost, have another going now –

Dad

little Miss Raitt called on me yesterday.
Alma, & Mary went to P.O. & stopped in
she is a very pretty baby, something like
Mary was, I think, although she was
sleeping the first time I saw her, & then
yesterday crying, so I never have had a good
look at her. May looks thin, & restless.
Iris stayed at Jos over the week end
I am very well = clean chicken yards, &
dig in the garden every day:
time is flying along - & you will soon be
home again, & you must not kiss me
either - nor any of them, just a protection
love, & pray for you. Mother

11-14-40.

Darling:

Some Santa Ana last two days. Big winds. No rain yet. Not cold either, yet. Everything O.K. except for no money on hand, Hope and Hope

love.

Yours alles

Alma.

THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

AT CHAPEL AND HOWE
NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

Guest Correspondence

Nov. 19, 1940

Dear Kirby:

How' al G. Pa? I hope you received my last letter OK, not hearing from, I'm not sure. Anyway - I know how full-up your schedule has been - so no apologies needed - What a pace you set!

Are we set for a visit on the 27th? Where shall I meet you? I may come down on the train, as "Nellie" hasn't any back-bumper just now! I could stay over for the 28th too - as it is Thanksgiving up here. How I remember our swell visit last year!

What a joy - that little bundle is to all at home and elsewhere! Good words - come of her progress.

Trust you are in "top-form" and health - Surely look forward to seeing you!

Ever,
Walt.

A PLACE TO STAY YMCA A PLACE TO PLAY

How are the galleys coming? Haven't seen them yet.

Nov. 23

Dear Mom -

Well, I just got Dad safely off on the right train. It's fine was swell to see him again. He looks good and I think he's taking pretty good care of himself.

The enlarger got here yesterday and thanks ever so much. I sure appreciate it what with all the rush you're having. Incidentally - we need more pamphlets - we haven't filled all our

orders yet out of that
800 so some time ——

Thanks also for the cute salt & pepper shakers. Gosh they're sure cute - specially the elephants - they're darling! we need them too. Say — is that Xmas paper a hint??? Many thanks also for that.

Say we sure hit the jackpot today. When I got home today I found another package — a brand new double toast-master — no less — from the gals here — with Marian instigating it. Gosh I'm overwhelmed.

It's just wonderful. Everybody sure is swell to us. So you look at the next toastmaster ad and see what we have. It's scrumptious.

We took Dad out to the Henry Wright Cottage along the sound - yesterday & overnight. We sure had a good time. We had a small informal group come out that wanted to see him - about 15 boys - & we shooed them away by 8:30. Dad is certainly going

great guns – he says
he's never had such
satisfaction – and such
a good trip. This
is Thanksgiving in N.Y.
& next week here –
so we're going down
to N.Y.C. to see Dad
there Wed aft. + thurs.
so we'll get a Conn.
Thanksgiving Dinner in
N.Y. anyway. We're
going out to Flushing
Wed aft if I can get
in touch with Clarice –
Don't faint! Cross your
fingers on that. My
love and encouragement
to all. Don't give up
the ship. Love. Henry

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Guest Correspondence

November 23

Dear Kirby:

It was mighty good to hear from you and receive word of our N. Y. meeting.

Because I have been unable to find any fellow wanting to go to N. Y. Wed. morning and since "Nellie" has no back bumper, I think it best to take the train.

It may be best to return Wednesday night anyway.

Perhaps we can take in a concert or a show like Walt Disney's "Fantasia" — I think you deserve a little "relaxation"! You might try to reserve some tickets when you arrive the 25th.

Either Wed. afternoon or evening is ok with me.

I'm keeping out of mischief alright with work at the Y here, studies - with Shedd particularly & speaking -

We'll have a grand time Wednesday - Until then -

Affectionately -

Walt.

11-23

Darling:

all in, down and out today with a cold. Hope you have recovered from your cold. Love

Your
Alma

11-27-40

Darling:

Seems like ages since this time last week. I had a cold from, re-action time, and then on Thanksgiving I broke training and ate a piece of fried chicken for lunch & supper. Well it turned into sinus or something, and where before it had merely been phlegm, it became a pain under my right eye and lasted from Friday, to Tuesday morning. I hope no one even suggests that I eat turkey for Christmas. I might get ferocious. No one did this time. That's why I am so mad.

I lost your slips but yes to all the questions, Money received to & including first check from Friends. (315.00)

Hope you have sent ~~your~~ Schedule after the 2nd as that is last we have here. Have tried to send letters forwarded, 4 days for air mail, so would allow for storms.

Lovely weather here now. Had more rain to help (after) last irrigation, but not enough to go deep enough for irrigation. Rather cool now. Grandma had some frost. We still have some vegetables, though, her hens still moulting, eggs 35. she hates to use one on herself unless it is cracked or small.

Margaret has been sick for a week with a cold. Had fever and had to stay in bed on a juice diet. She doesn't like

it any more than you did. Perry still aches and groans.

Catching gophers now before they dig in. Have caught 16 or 18 so far. Planting bulbs now. Marie & I. do that.

Hope and hope long

Yours ever

Alma.

Dec 6 - 1940

Darling:

Enclosed is a telegram which came yesterday. Didn't forward it because we were not sure where you were in Ann Arbor and I didn't know Harold's address. I suppose you were there.

None of the pledges you mention have come in. Am trying to save over enough to meet the payment on the 15th which will be about 67.75. Also, we have to live.

Sa-a-a-ay! What do you think. Coffin called and they want you at the Whittier Institute June 26 - Jy — He is writing you. The world do move on. Hope you accept it as they surely need it out here.

Did you write Hull about the date he wanted here, i.e. make it definite?

Day has answered, saying he can be here on the 27 some others also.

We are having splendid weather here. Really like summer or spring. However it has been cooler than it was last year, at times, as the figs have lost their leaves.

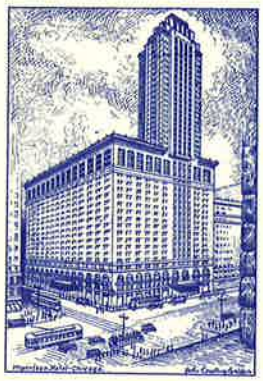
Kay & Iris are out of School on the 14th. Suppose Iris will go on to K.C. right away. Frances wants her to take the Koch treatment.

Judy gets cuter all the time. She will be a real girl by the time you get here.

Heaps and heaps love

yours ever.

Alma



THE WORLD'S TALLEST HOTEL

MORRISON HOTEL

LEONARD HICKS, MANAGING DIRECTOR

A Great Hotel in a Great City

Dec 9 CHICAGO

Sweetheart:

Had splendid time at Northwestern and Oak Park.

Here is #55.

Slept late. Taking it easy today.

Heaps of love

Kirby

Thompson Tex
Dec 12, 1940.

Dear Alma

We got a chance to go to Houston yesterday but it rained on us all the way there and back and all the time we were there, but we managed to do a little shopping but had to get out in the rain. I am sending a few little things to Mary baby. am sorry that I am so late but it was the best I could do. I am sending a package of new diapers also the old ones and the little rubber pantie

a life saver we used that an-
Mary Jo and it never hurt her
some people do not like to use
them but they sure did help us
out. Johnnie is sending a couple
of little dresses, we are addressing
it to you, thought it might
be best, how long will Mary
be with you, or does she know
yet, it is raining this morning
and sure is sloppy. the Post
said it was raining all over
the country. when we came back
yesterday the water was standing
every where there was a little
place to hold it. if this keeps

up I do not know what we will do, we thought it would be cold yesterday and today but it is not they are wearing short sleeves and so ~~fine~~ fine in the house. well Xmas are is coming fast. we are not making any preperation for it, but guess we will be at home. Johnnie and I took dinner with Wilfred Thanksgiving, and they always want to stay home on Xmas so I expect we will be by ourselves, I hope that you, all of you will have a great time together. I shall be expecting a letter soon. wrote you twice since I heard from you lately, lots of love to all, Mother

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Dec. 13 CHICAGO

Alma dearie:

Working on index!

Leave here tomorrow for Cincinnati.

On Monday can be reached Fulton Mo, Westminster College, c/o Prof. Mitchell.

Expect to reach Pomona Thursday

THE WORLD'S TALLEST HOTEL

MORRISON HOTEL

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CHICAGO

morning about 6:00
oclock (!!!!) Listen
to the grunt. coming
via Southern Pacific.
Can hardly wait.
Love and kisses
Your own
Kirby

12/17/40

Dear Kirby:

Boy! You'll be home when you get this. — Wonderful feeling I'll bet! And you can see your granddaughter — from her picture she's some prize package!

Sure a little "spoiling" for me!

I've talked to some folks about your coming the 15 & 16th of Feb. & I'm sure we can keep you busy — to say the least.

George Butler of Summerfield M.E. Church. Has a forum beginning 1st week in Feb. & wants you very much — Lockland's ends before then. George has made contacts with Religion & Labor Foundation Officers & they would like to have you lead a State Conference here Monday — the 16th. We would plan to have a ministers' group Mon. morning.

Besides the Drought Hall + Deanery sessions — I think you'll find it a fairly full two days — maybe too full to visit enough — but we'll watch that.

It will be a real joy to have you here — with us — + many of your friends here at school. We'll really be looking forward to it.

Take a good rest now + relax a bit. You deserve + need it.

If I can help on the index or anything more on the book, "Shoot the galley to me Pappy!"

Take care now + have a joyous Christmas celebration. We'll think of + pray for you all as always —

Ever —

Walt.

The Season's Greetings
from
The Sidney Gambles

恭賀聖誕

並祝新年

MERRY CHRISTMAS

AND

HAPPY NEW YEAR

to you all - I'm looking forward to see the one & only baby (at least she is until May first when "Gunny" has one) One of these days I'll get a long letter written but days are as usual

Most hectic —
It was so nice to see
Kilby and hear all about
everyone —
With Christmas love to
Each one
Billy & Gene.

THE MADONNA OF THE REFUGEES

by Chang Shan-tse

Internationally famous as a painter of tigers, Mr. Chang has come to America to help raise money for Chinese relief. He was formerly professor of fine arts at the National Central University, Nanking.

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